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SUBJECT: NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

REF: ATHENS 898; STATE 26159

1. SUBSEQUENT TO HITCHCOCK-STEARNES TELCON, GREEK AMBASSADOR HOSTED LUNCH FOR KEY NSO BOARD MEMBERS. THEY AGREED TO ASK EXXON, LONDON, FOR CONTRIBUTION TOWARD TOUR. IF EXXON COMES THROUGH, BOARD WILL MAKE EFFORT TO GET ADDITIONAL SUM (PROBABLY DOLS 25-40 T) LOCALLY TO MAKE ATHENS TRIP POSSIBLE.

2. THE NSO PROCESS WILL TAKE AN UNPREDICTABLE AMOUNT OF TIME, PROBABLY UP TO 3 WEEKS, AND MAY MAKE NSO TRY IMPOSSIBLE. BECAUSE OF LONG ADDITIONAL DELAY HOWEVER, DEPT. FEELS THAT IT MUST EXPLAIN SITUATION TO BALTIMORE SO WHICH LIKELY THEN TO WITHDRAW LEAVING ATHENS WITHOUT AN ORCHESTRA.

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